

House File 247 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 62)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of an asset verification
2 system for the medical assistance program, and including
3 effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MEDICAID PROGRAM — ASSET, INCOME, AND IDENTITY
2 VERIFICATION. The department of human services shall issue a
3 request for proposals to contract with a third-party vendor to
4 establish an electronic asset, income, and identity eligibility
5 verification system for the purposes of compliance with 42
6 U.S.C. §1396w requiring determination or redetermination of
7 the eligibility of an individual who is an applicant for or
8 recipient of medical assistance under the Medicaid state plan
9 on the basis of being aged, blind, or disabled in accordance
10 with 42 U.S.C. §1396w. The third-party vendor selected shall
11 be able to demonstrate in writing its current relationships
12 or contracts with financial institutions in the state and
13 nationally. Participation by financial institutions in
14 providing account balances for asset verification shall remain
15 voluntary.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
17 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill directs DHS to issue a request for proposals to
22 contract with a third-party vendor to establish an electronic
23 asset, income, and identity eligibility verification system to
24 comply with a federal requirement to determine and redetermine
25 the eligibility of certain categories of persons for Medicaid.
26 The bill takes effect upon enactment.